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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TUNA TALKS

1. NEW YORK TUNA TALKS OPENED ON SCHEDULE WITH
TEN STATES IN ATTENDENCE. (GUATEMALA AND PANAMA WERE
NOT PRESENT.) AMBASSADOR BALINDO-POHL EMPHASIZED THE
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INFORMAL NATURE OF THE TALKS AND SET FORTH PURPOSE OF

THE TALKS AS REVIEW OF ARTICLE 53 OF THE COMMITTEE II SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND THE DETERMINATION OF HOW AN ARTICLE 53 WOULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A REGIONAL AGREEMENT.

2. GOE EMPHASIZED THEIR PARTICIPATION BASED ON INFORMAL NATURE OF THE TALKS AND THAT IN PARTICIPATION THEY UNDERSTOOD THE TALKS IN NO WAY COMPROMISED INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. GOE FORESEES A REGIONAL CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD HAVE TWO PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS: ONE TO ESTABLISH CONSERVATION RULES WHICH INDIVIDUAL STATES WOULD THEN ADOPT IN THEIR OWN LEGISLATION; AND TWO, THAT THE ORGANIZATION WOULD PASS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF THE SPECIES WHICH STATES WOULD THEN TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR NATIONAL LEGISLATION.

3. USG PROPOSED THAT FRANCE AND JAPAN BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS. CHILE VOICED SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL AND WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENT IT WAS AGREED THAT FRANCE AND JAPAN BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

4. PROCEDURALLY, GROUP DECIDED TO START TOMORROW WITH INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS PRESENTING THEIR VIEWS ON PRINCIPLES TO BE INCORPORATED IN ARTICLE 53. US AND GOE HAD EARLIER AGREED PRIVATELY TO HAVE CHAIR PUT FORWARD THREE ALTERNATIVE ARTICLES, TWO DRAFTED BY US, AND ONE BY GOE. HOWEVER, GOE FAILED TO PROVIDE DRAFT TO CHAIRMAN. US MET WITH GOE FOLLOWING MEETING TO DISCUSS SITUATION AND GOE CHARACTERIZED THEIR DRAFT DISCUSSED WITH US IN QUITO AS "THE PERUVIAN PAPER" AND PROMISED TO DISCUSS ITS RELEASE WITH PERU TONIGHT. HOPEFULLY, CHAIR WILL TABLE DRAFTS AS WORKING PAPERS FOLLOWING GENERAL DISCUSSION ON TUESDAY.

5. COMMENT: TALKS ARE NOW OVER FIRST MAJOR HURDLE-- THE INCLUSION OF FRANCE AND JAPAN. FAILURE OF ECUADOR DEL TO CONVEY DRAFT ARTICLE 53 TO GALINDO-POHL BEHIND THE SCENES HAS SLOWED DOWN PACE. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT APPROPRIATE DRAFTS WILL BE ISSUED
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TOMORROW. SUBSTANTIVELY TALKS SEEM ON TRACK AND PROCEDURALLY CHILEANS, CANADIANS AND MEXICANS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL.
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